Allocation of funds for development of Animal Husbndry

1375. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government allocate the amount to State Governments for development of Animal Husbandry every year;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that funds are diverted for other purposes by the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are not aware that the funds are diverted for other purposes by the State Governments.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Sub-Standard Milk of dras

1376. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether DMS has received complaints regarding supply of sub-standard milk by suppliers;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken in matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Sub-standard milk is not accepted by the Delhi Milk Scheme. The milk supplied found with any abnormality and not confronting to laid down norms is rejected. Stringent quality control is being maintained at every stage of processing to ensure that milk supplied to the Delhi Milk Scheme conforms to the standards prescribed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.

Number of people engaged in Agriculture

1377. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Indian population according to the census of 1951 who were engaged in agricultural sector and its contribution to the GDP and GNP separately;

(b) the percentage of total population engaged in agriculture in 1951, 1951, 1971, 1981 and 1991;

(c) whether the people engaged in agriculture have been taken out of farming since 1951 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the percentage of Indian people who are engaged in agricultural sector at present for their livelihood according to the 1991 census with their contribution to the GDP and GNP separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a), (b) and (d): The details of population engaged in agriculture as worked out from available data and the contribution of agriculture sector to GDP and GNP are given below:

Year	Population engaged in Agriculture		Percentage share of Agriculture in	
	Number (Million)	Percentage to total population	GDP	GNP
1951	238.9	66.15	52.23	52.47
1961	288.2	65.63	43.01	43.22
1971	352.5	64.2	42.36	42.67
1981	425.5	62.1	34.69	34.59
1991	503.2	59.6	29.67	29.50

(c) Though percentage of persons engaged in agriculture to the total population has decreased, the actual number of persons enaged in agriculculture has gone up.

Horticulture evelopment in the country

1378. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has finalised an action plan to give boost to horticulture development in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the plan formulated for promotion and development of horticulture in high potential areas;

(c) the details of State-wise areas finalised in general and specially for Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Goa alongwith the programme finalised;

(d) the projected investment Statewise, Union Territory-wise in horticulture sector during Eighth Plan period; and

(e) the details of foreign investment expected for development of horticulture during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Ministry of Agriculture has identified horticulture as main thrust area. The allocations have been raised from about Rs. 24 crores of seventh plan to Rs. 1000 crores during VIII Five Year Plan period. The details of sectoral allocations are as under:—

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	(Rs. in crores)
1	Programmes of National Horticulture Board	200.00
2	Programmes of Coconut Development Board	100.00
3	Development of Spices	150.00
4	Development Cashewnuot	30.00
5	Development of Tropical, Arid Zone and Temperate Fruits . .	85.00